

Winchester Unitarian Society

Order of Service

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Centering Thoughts

"I think the 12 weeks of lockdown have purified our sense of justice. They have given us time to think." Ben Okri, 'Something is in the Air,' *The Financial Times*, June 13-14, 2020.

"In such a world of conflict, a world of victims and executioners, it is the job of thinking people not to be on the side of the executioners." Albert Camus

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

Be sure to set your screen to "speaker view" in Zoom (upper right-hand corner of the screen) for best reception of those leading the service.

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Our motto: "Connection, not perfection"

Note: Some elements of this service were pre-recorded to ensure broadcast quality.

Prelude

Prelude No. 1 in C Major

J.S. Bach
John Kramer

Community News (In 140 Characters or Less)

Lee Barton

Announcements:

- **Ministerial Survey – Respond ASAP!** As part of its charter to "monitor and nurture the health of the ministry of the Society," the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) is charged in the bylaws of WUS with conducting "an assessment of the work of the Minister...as part of an annual review and renewal of the ministry and leadership of the Society." An important component in COSM's review is congregational input, and both COSM and Rev. Heather welcome your open and honest thoughts in an online questionnaire, available through midnight of June 30th. You can click on the link in the e-mail sent by the office or enter it: <https://tinyurl.com/RevHeatherReview2020>
- **Important Worship Information!** Church next week starts at 10:00 AM, a half-hour earlier than usual. We will be live-streaming the Sunday morning worship service from UUA General Assembly. Please join us.
- **Tuesday, June 23rd 7:30-8:30 PM:** The second in the 3 part series "Heart, Minds, Actions A Community Conversation" continues to explore systemic racism in our community, country and world. Please see the flyer (link) for further information and log in information. <https://nfsj.org/events/hearts-minds-actions-a-community-conversation-exploring-racism-today-part-2/>
- **It's Not Too Late to Support "Take Me Home"** Did you miss the fun-draiser led by WUSYG, benefiting UU MassAction's COVID-19 Emergency Fund and our own Winchester Unitarian Society? You can purchase merchandise - handmade soap, simple no-sew face masks, WUSYG cookbooks and houseplants - by visiting tinyurl.com/wussoap Delivery of these items is free! All soap profits and 100% of the proceeds from the other items benefit the fundraiser. Please order any merchandise by

2pm on Sunday, June 21st – TODAY! - so we can close the books on this fundraiser. Please also make purchases electronically through the website. Thank you for your generosity!

- **Ragtime Concert, Friday, July 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars for an all Ragtime concert presented by Music Director John Kramer. This uniquely American music is a perfect way to celebrate the holiday weekend. The concert will be a fundraiser for **Black Lives of UU (BLUU), Women's Lunch Place, and the Winchester Unitarian Society**. For more information visit the concert event page and be sure to tell all your friends. <https://www.winchesteruu.org/events/celebrating-america-ragtime-concert/>
- **UUA General Assembly – Represent WUS as a Delegate!** A virtual General Assembly will take place June 24-28 this year. The Standing Committee is offering free registration for our five allotted delegates. Fortunately, we have two members that have already expressed interest. If you are currently a member of our congregation and would like to benefit from this transformative experience there is only one stipulation: Your involvement is needed on our Denominational Affairs Committee. This is a two year commitment and we hardily invite your participation. Please contact Betsy Bowles if you are interested - (617) 584-6477; bebowles13@gmail.com
- **Welcome to Our Summer Co-Ministers! (From July 1-August 31st)**
Rev. Heather will be on vacation and sabbatical in July and on study leave in August
WUS has a tradition of welcoming a part-time minister for July and August while the Settled Minister is away for vacation and study leave. This year, we are fortunate to welcome back two familiar faces who will be sharing the role. Colleen "Kye" Flannery will be the minister for Sunday services and Marianne DiBlasi will be on-call for pastoral care. Both are available to officiate memorial services should the need arise. Kye can be reached at Kye@winchesteruu.org and Marianne can be reached at Marianne@winchesteruu.org If you or someone you know in the congregation is in need of pastoral care between July 1 and August 31st, please call the office at 781.729.0949 and they will forward the information to either the Pastoral Care Associates or Marianne.
- **Summer Writing group.** Please feel free to come to the Summer Writing Group starting on July 8, 2020. We will be meeting in Zoom from 9-11 AM. The exact format and focus of the group will be discussed and determined at the first meeting. No writing experience is necessary. We look forward to "seeing" you! For information and the link for the meeting contact Judy [[HERE](#)]
- **Summer Service Assistance Needed** Things are falling into place for our summer worship services. However, the on-line format warrants different kinds of volunteers than usual. We are looking for:
 - Video Editors: Each recording benefits from a little lighting adjustment, re-centering or trimming on the ends to cut out the eternal question "Is this on?" As summer services will continue to include a mix of live and recorded elements, we are looking for people to "clean up" videos in advance. There is a free, easy-to-use video editing program that makes this possible.
 - Video Coordinators: Prep videos for use in a given service then screen share, press "play" and "stop" at the right time. That's it! Coordinators will need to participate in a rehearsal before worship.
 - Tech Support: We have four members who have been assisting people with the Zoom program but can always use more. Many of us are growing in Zoom fluency! If you are fluent enough to help another along the way, nimble enough to eject any "zombombombers" who decide to parachute into the service and attentive enough to track logon "attendance" we would love to add you to the list. If interested, contact Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org
- **Jenny is on Summer Break.** From July 1st until September 7th, Jenny Goh will be on summer leave, during this time, all bookkeeping, check requests and any other financial requests will go to Thomas Slack (office@winchesteruu.org). Thank you and Happy Summer to all!

Whole Community Greeting and Good News Roundup Use the “chat” function to greet others in worship and, if you have especially good news, to share it!. Our Chat Covenant: we only write things we would say in person in the sanctuary.

Ringling of the Bell Ringing of the Bell *Today we are called back to worship by the ringling of the bells at our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania on Easter morning.*

Opening Words by Alix E. Harrow Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting by Lisa Doege (modified) Martin Newhouse
If you wish to do so, please read together the words for our chalice lighting and light a chalice at home as we light the chalice.

"Why a flaming chalice?" the question comes.
It's the cup of life, we answer.
A cup of blessings overflowing.
A cup of water to quench our spirits' thirst.
A cup of wine for celebration and dedication.
The flame of truth.
The fire of purification.
Oil for anointing, healing.
Out of chaos, fear, and horror,
thus was the symbol crafted, a generation ago.
So may it be for us,
in these days of uncertainty, sorrow, and [yet of hope],
And a light to warm our souls and guide us home.

Hymn # 64 *O Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today,
and give us not to think so far away
as the uncertain harvest; keep us here
all simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white
like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
and make us happy in the happy bees,
the swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
that suddenly above the bees is heard,
the meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
and off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
the which it is reserved for God above
to sanctify to what far ends he will,
but which it only needs that we fulfill.

First Reflection *The Platinum Rule* Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

*Attached to this order-of-service is a packet for young children
so they may engage in an activity concurrent with the rest of the service.
You may also find these materials here: [\[link\]](#)*

Blessing

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday.
May the light within you shine before you guide your way, guide your way.
May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away.
May the light within you shine before you, this we pray, this we pray.

Community Joys and Sorrows

Heather Janules and Lee Barton

At this time, you may briefly share a personal joy, sorrow or concern and all are invited to bear compassionate witness. If you would like to speak, just write your name in the Chat function and you will be called on and unmuted. When you are done speaking, you are invited to light a candle at home as a sign of what you have shared. There will then be a time to briefly write your joy or sorrow in the chat to be read aloud if you choose to not speak. We will then light one last candle for all that has been shared and all that remains unspoken within our gathered community.

Prayer or Meditation

Martin Newhouse

Silence

Hymn # 123

Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Reading

by William Shakespeare

Lee Barton

Reflection

Going First

Martin Newhouse

Offering The offering is a spiritual practice, a public commitment to this community's values of welcome, inclusion, religious freedom and service. Thank you for generosity of substance and spirit!

You may donate through Give+ [\[link to app tutorial\]](#) PayPal [\[link\]](#) or by mailing a check to WUS, 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890. Please write or type "June 21st Offering" in the memo line or comment field.

Our practice is to invite first-time worship attendees to be our guests. In lieu of a contribution, please complete the Virtual Visitor Card: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSVirVisCard> so we can stay connected beyond this Sunday.

Offertory

Summerland

William Grant Still

Affirmation of Shared Ministry *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in reading together the community affirmation:*

We gather not for ourselves alone, but to use our common power to build the Beloved Community within and beyond these walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference and to embody transformative love.

Hymn # 21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
For the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Benediction Traditional Martin Newhouse

Postlude *Song for My Father* Horace Silver
Tyson Kamikawa, Sax; Steve Forcucci, Guitar; Maury Wood; Bass, John Kramer, Piano

Extinguishing the Chalice *Please join us in reading together the words for extinguishing our chalice:*

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Join the Chat!

Questions for Reflection

Can you find reasons for hope in these challenging and uncertain times?

Do you think this is a time for bold changes?

How can we work together to make these times be the threshold to a better future?

Music Notes:

In honor of “going first”, the prelude this morning is the first prelude in the collection of Preludes and Fugues by German composer J.S. Bach. This important collection is the first to be written in all 24 major and minor keys. It has also been a major influence on generations of musicians (Beethoven studied them) continuing today. ♦ William Grant Still (1895-1978) is often referred to as the “Dean of African-American Composers”. The offertory is part of *Three Visions* which was first performed by Still’s wife in 1936. *Summerland* here refers specifically to heaven. ♦ And we end with an homage to our fathers with Horace Silver’s wonderful tune, first recorded in 1965.

Serving Today

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Pastoral Care Associate On-Call This Week: Kim Foley – 339-227-0216
Special thanks to Tyson Kamikawa for serving as Video Coordinator

*This is a Welcoming Congregation, intentionally welcoming
and affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.*

*Each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic
gift from people or communities-of-color.*

Good morning families and friends,

A note to adults. The first page is for you, so that you may have context for the service and contents of this packet. Following that there are some suggestions for other things to do/try as a family over the week as well as today, then pages for meditative coloring and a couple of activities.

Today's Worship Service asks the question of all of us, What is a church? What is a Congregation? The Covid-19 pandemic has turned everything upside down. We are now making connections through virtual church "vurch" and ask ourselves – how do we express and live out our Unitarian Universalist faith when we are apart? In this week's packet, I offer a refresher on our Unitarian Universalist 7 Principles with a coloring page for each. Please encourage your children (with some help as necessary) to send photos of them to me, to collage for publication in our next Mystic Messenger.

As we contemplate ways to engage the religious, spiritual, social and activist expressions of our faith, without meeting in person, it's a great time to contemplate your own sacred space at home and how you bring that alive with your family.

This is the last week of suggestions for sacred space ideas in your household. You have been invited to find a home for your chalice, cover it with something decorative and place your chalice/candle on it, find a chime or bell to use, a giving bowl for sharing your abundance, symbols, spiritual and religious, representations of your family and something(s) from nature.

This month's last suggested addition to your sacred space – a picture of our Congregation's building. It can be a photo of the front door we all go in, or the flags we fly along the parkway. It can be a photograph that you go to Winchester Unitarian Society to take, or one that children and other family members draw from memory. As we remain physically apart, it's important to remember the place where we first came together and the place where we will one day return to – safely – to gather once again. It's also an important part of family lore – the faith tradition of which we are a part. During the worship service this morning, feel free to invite your children to create their drawn memories of Winchester Unitarian Society.

Before This Morning's Worship: You will need your chalice, other candles for kindling the light, these pages, blank paper things to color/draw with, scissors for cutting out the principle numbers (If you wish)

Encourage your children to come closer to the screen for First Reflections and have some manipulatives and the materials attached for them to engage with during worship. If your children are very young, sensory play containers* are a great preschool activity. Kids come in and out of worship, but even if they seem inattentive or bounce in and out of the room, they are picking up messages.**Let*

Rebecca@winchesteruu.org know if you need ideas on how to DIY sensory play

You may wish to use the settling in and chalice lighting rituals we use in Family Worship and Religious Education sessions. They may be helpful as your family gets ready for our Zoom worship services or for any family worship you wish to create in your own sacred space. You can also begin to add your own rituals. Just lighting a candle and taking a moment of quiet. It can be a time to give space for things going on in the world, or in your home. In my home we pause before a lit candle to remember the many who have died from the Covid 19 illness. Your older kids can probably lead the familiar rituals from our time at WUS, since many of them have. These are linked below for reference.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16eq9h9bnOJAssE8U21wDcj4IjPZkyD-iW96UShQgdmw/edit?usp=sharing>

What shall we do with our summer ahead? Perhaps you would like to dedicate one day of each week to explore one of our Unitarian Universalist 7 Principles. 7 Days in a week? 7 Principles? Perfect!

SUNDAY Our 1st Principle Each person is important.

Whether it's taking time to help out a neighbor who can't leave their house, or provide greetings to those who might not otherwise receive them, or working hard to help our family members, in these days of social distancing, we purposefully seek out new ways to help our community. We do this because we believe that everyone is important. How can you help other people today and other days? Make a list and see if you can do something from it every Sunday.

MONDAY Our 2nd Principle Be just and kind in all you do.

It's important to speak up for yourself, and it can be important to speak up for other people. How can you be fair to others and to yourself? How can you be kind and honest at the same time? Before you say something, ask yourself "Is this true?" "Is it kind" "do I need to say it?"

TUESDAY Our 3rd Principle Learn Together.

How can we learn from and with each other? Can your family try a new recipe? Learn a new game? What would YOU like to learn about? Ask others what they can teach you. Offer to teach something to them. An origami fold, a magic trick, how to cartwheel. You choose.

WEDNESDAY Our 4th Principle Search for what is true.

There are many ways to search for truth. Do you ever get a feeling in the pit of your stomach? It's telling you something. Maybe what is true for you, is not true for someone else. It is true for me that macaroni and cheese is the BEST meal ever, but pizza is BORING. Is that your truth? It's okay if it isn't. What other things do you find when searching for truth?

THURSDAY Our 5th Principle All people need a voice.

It is an important part of being a Unitarian Universalist to let people make decisions for themselves, whether it's the congregation, the country, or our own families. Try voting on something in your family, or on Zoom, or with friends. If there is a difference of opinion, can you find a in between – a compromise? Learn about all the reasons the adults in your life vote.

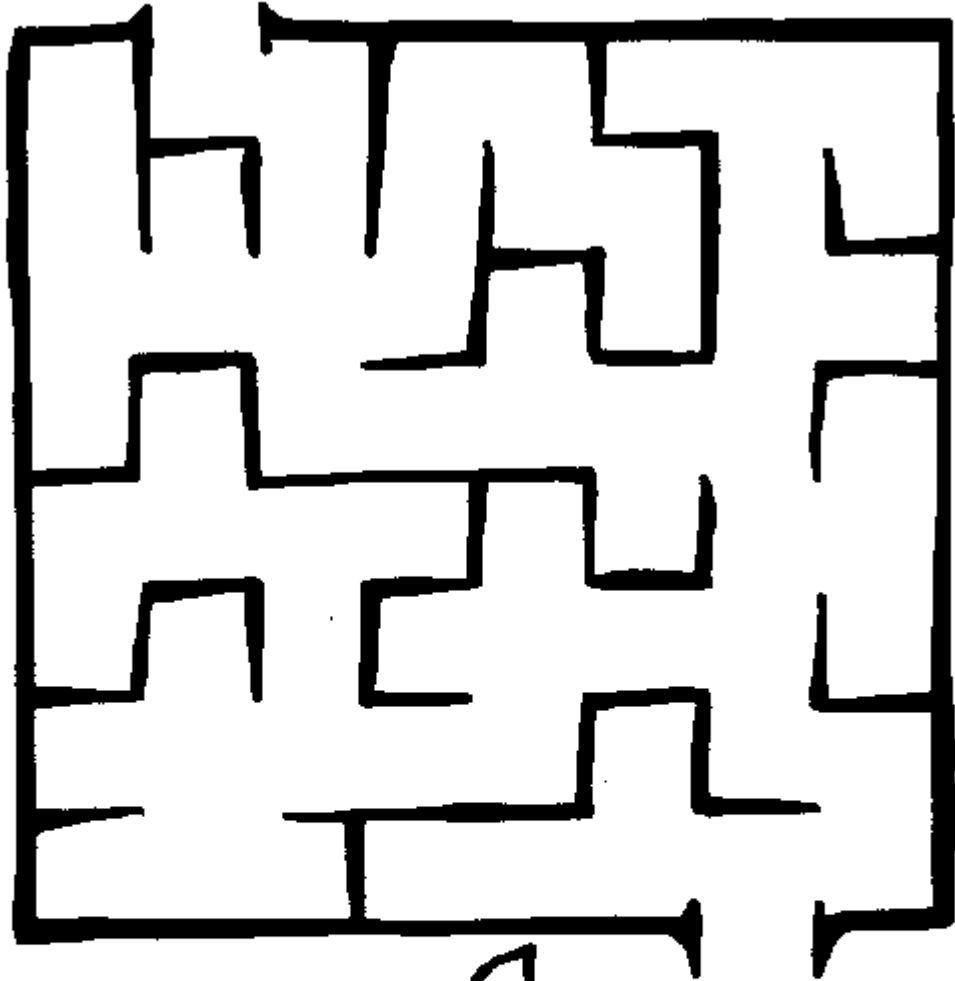
FRIDAY Our 6th Principle Build a fair and peaceful world.

The world is fair when everyone has enough – shelter, food, education, etc. It is also more peaceful when all people, everywhere, have enough. How much is enough? How many shoes can you wear at once? Think of ways that you can share what you have. Think of ways that you can bring peace to wherever you are.

SATURDAY Our 7th Principle Respect the Earth, our home.

Learn about the part of Earth we live on. Each day is a day to explore and tend our part of Earth. Look carefully at the plants, pick up trash (take bags and gloves), close your eyes and listen to the birds and other sounds, and smell the smells. What do you notice? What do you hear? What do you smell? What has changed since the last time you did this?

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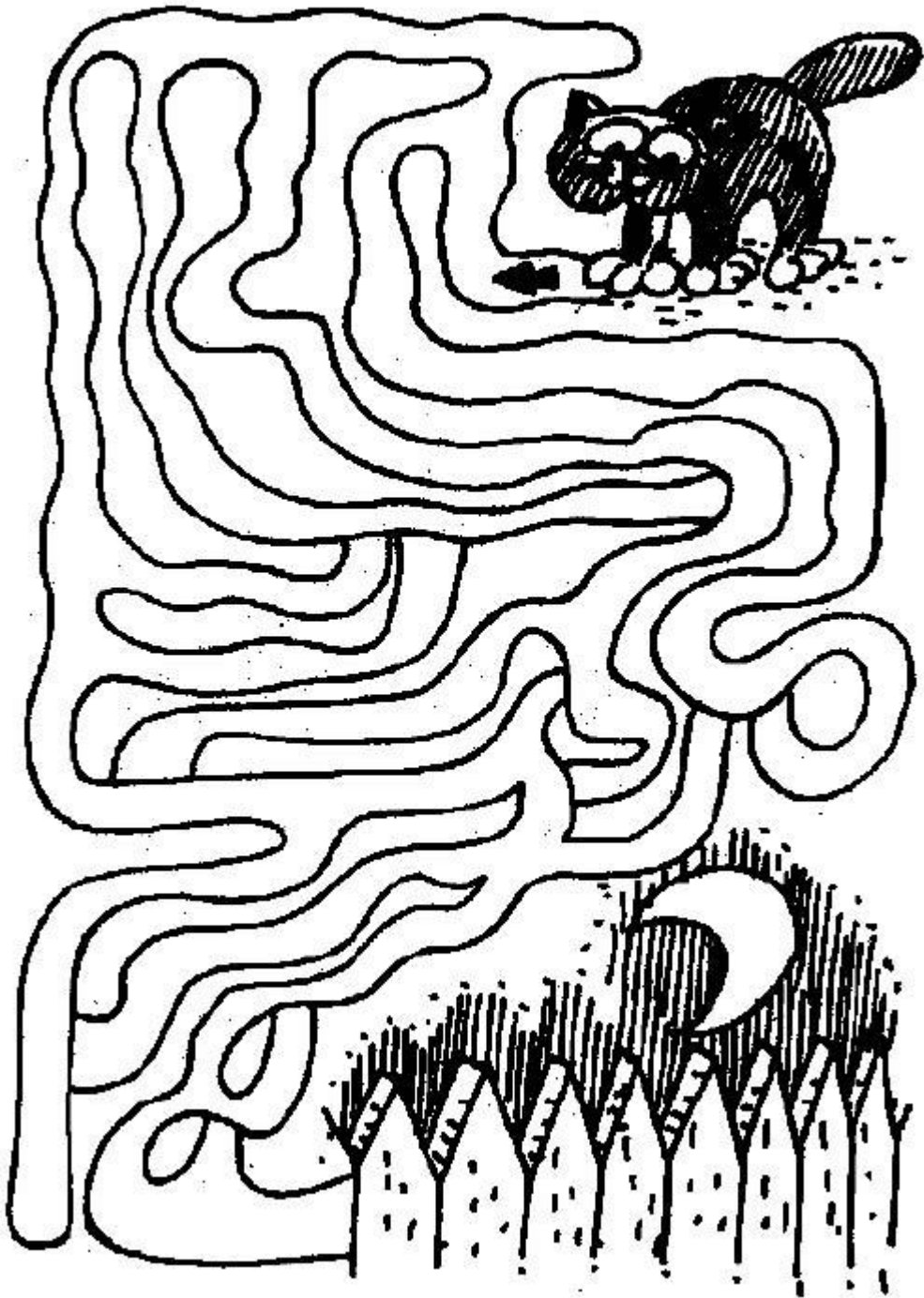
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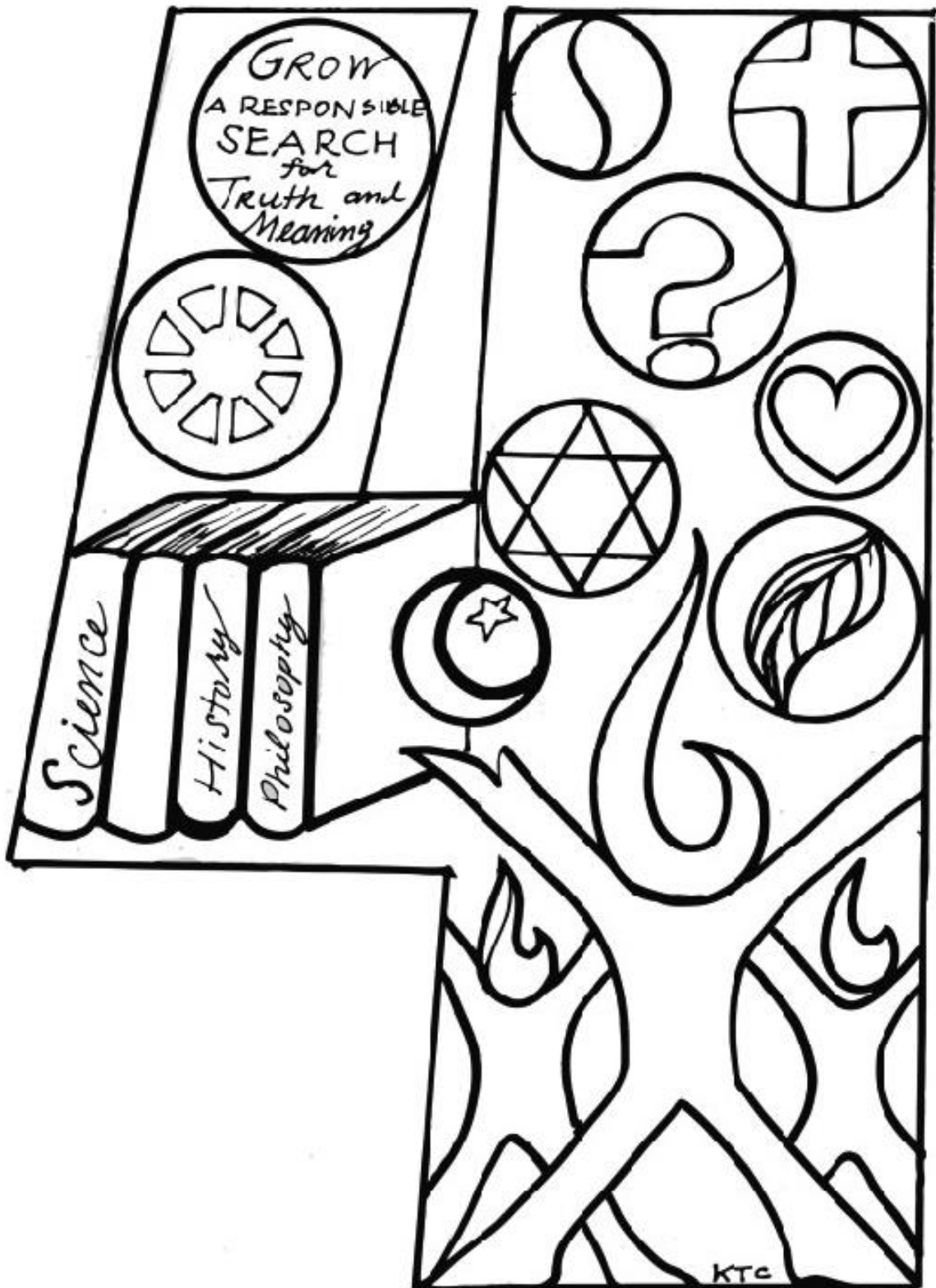


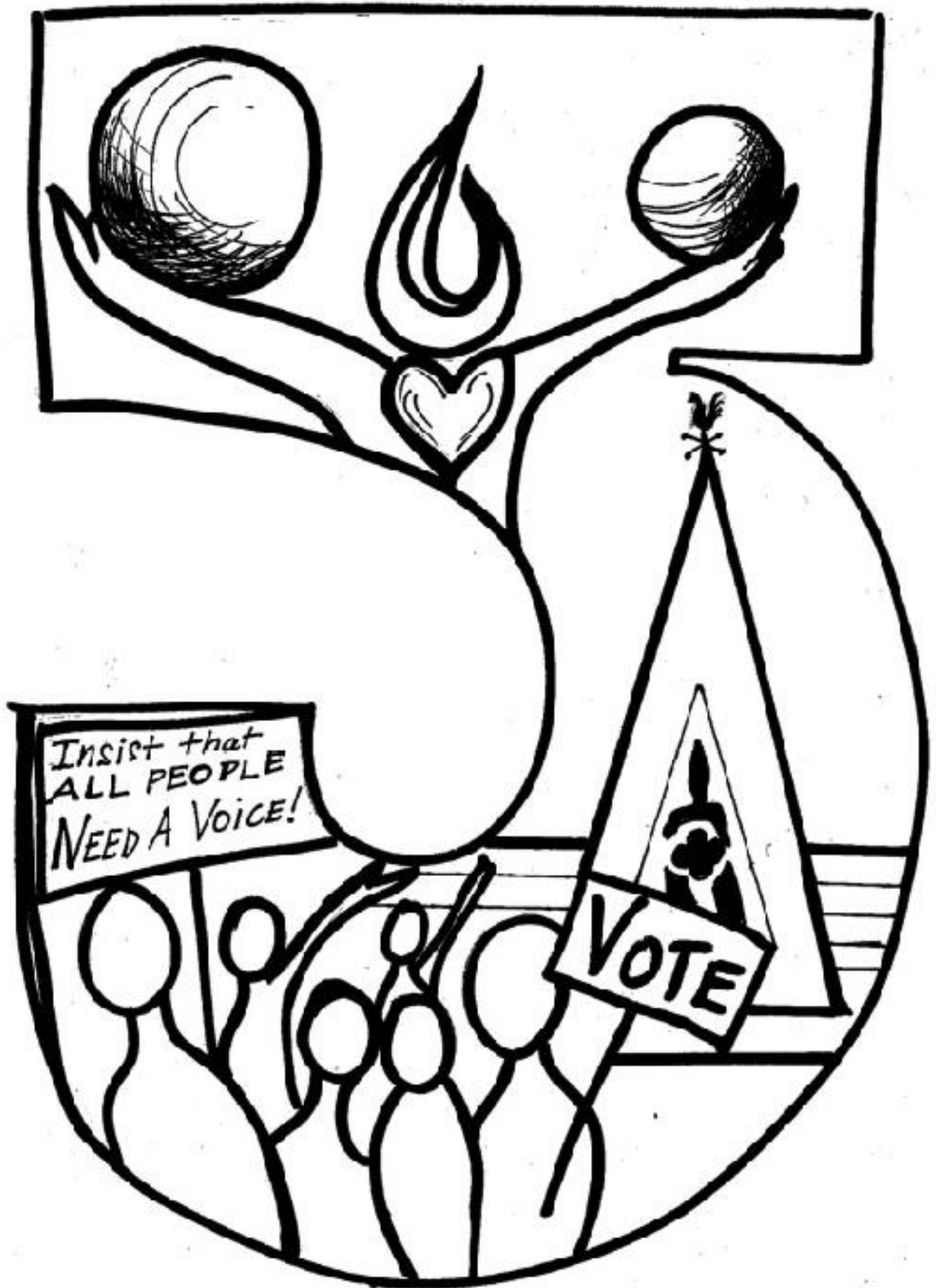
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Accept One Another

Help the cat find the fence.









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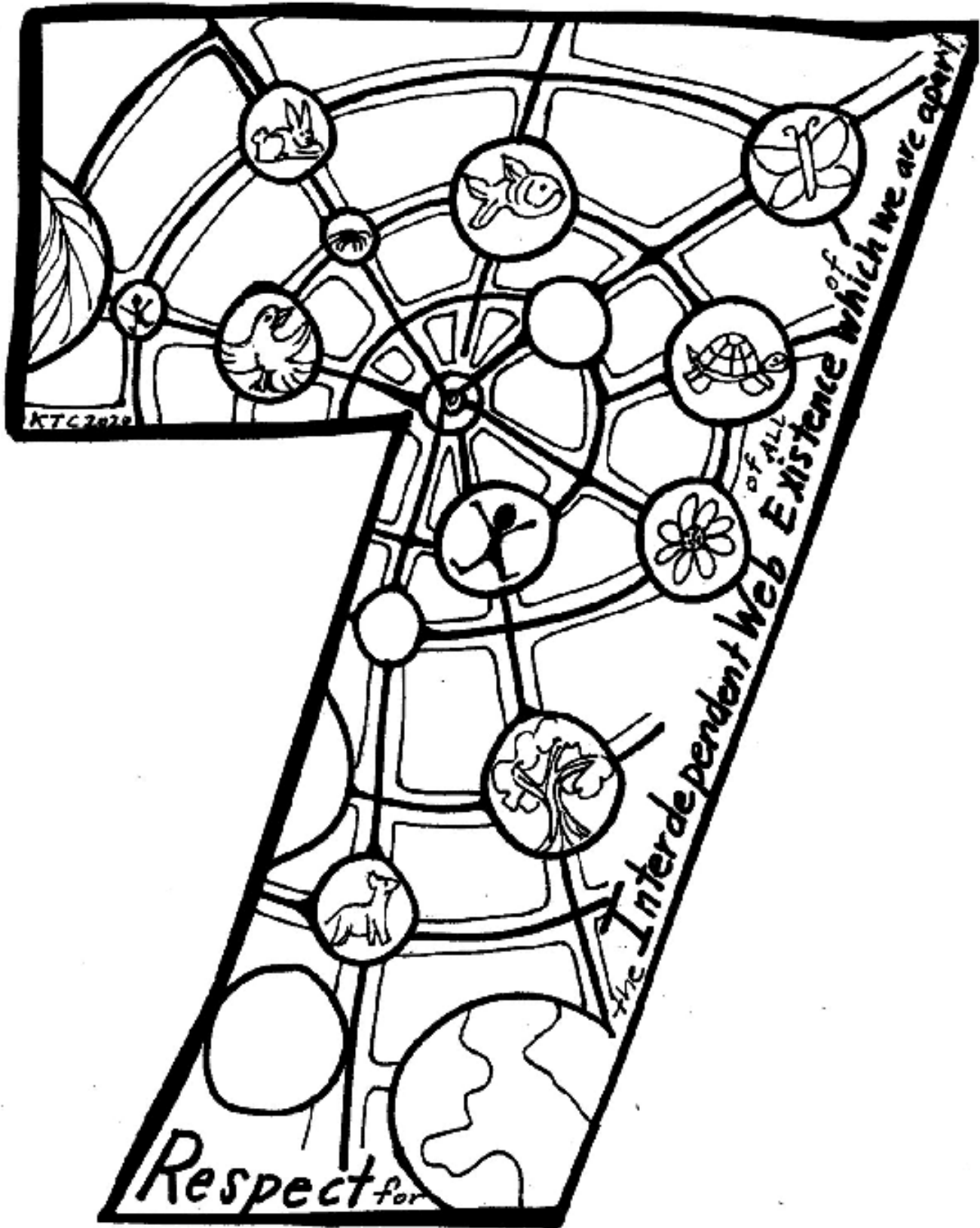
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Can You Find all the words? What Principle Numbers do you think they belong with?

Everyone is Important, Right?

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social justice concepts

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 HELPERS
 LOVE
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 EQUALITY

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When we build a fair and peaceful world, what are the words we think about?